Government of India, with financial support from WHO, has undertaken programmes for training of doctors, nurses and health care workers in health care of the elderly. Various training modules and self care modules have also been published.

Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment under the National Policy for Older Persons has provided for various schemes of financial security for the elderly.

Public health schools

2339. SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Central Government have finally decided to set-up public health schools in the country in the near future;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the States where such schools are expected to be set up particularly in Uttar Pradesh;

(c) how far such schools shall be superior to the medical colleges as on today; and

(d) the expected number of doctors to be trained by such schools annually?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI):(a) to (d) The Government has decided to support the Public Health Foundation of India (PHFI) in setting up world class Institutes of Public Health in India. PHFI is an autonomous Public-Private partnership wherein the Government of India proposes to continue as one time grant upto Rs. 65 crore to the initial Rs. 200 crore PHFI corpus, whereas another one-third will come from Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation and the remaining from high net worth corporates/individuals, both in India and abroad.

It is initially proposed to set up two schools. The exact location where the schools are to be set up would be decided by PHFI.

PHFI is an initiative to bridge the gap between the requirements and availability of trained personnel in public health and to effectively promote public health management. It will not only train health

professionals but will also assist in strengthening the existing institutions in the public health sector, create a pool of excellent faculty, act as a think tank for the Government providing inputs for policy initiatives and set standards for public health education. It is envisaged that PHFI alongwith the schools of public health would be able to trian more than 2000 public health professionals annually, in addition to turning out 150 Masters of public Health per year.

Hospitals in various States for treatment of aids

2340. SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI:
SHRI AMAR SINGH:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) the number of HIV infection cases detected in the State of U.P., Haryana and Punjab during the last two years;

(b) the number of hospitals set up in each of these States for the treatment of HIV patients;

(c) how many patients have been fully cured in these centres during that period; and

(d) whether any assistance has been given to those patients for their rehabilitation and if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI):(a) The reported number of HIV infection cases during the last two years in given below:

State	2004	2005
U.P.	109	339
Haryana	85	125
Punjab	37	69

(b) No separate hospitals/wards are being established for treatment of HIV patients. The treatment for opportunistic infections in HIV patients is provided free of cost in medical colleges, district hospitals and other